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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: CONTROLLED COOLING OF INPUT WATER BY DISSOCIATION OF HYDRATE  
IN AN ARTIFICIALLY PRESSURIZED ASSISTED DESALINATION FRACTIONATION  
APPARATUS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the specification as

follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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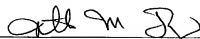
--This application is the National Phase of International Application  
PCT/US01/19920 filed June 25, 2001, which designated the U.S.

**Governmental Support and Interest**

This Invention was made with Government Support under Contract Number NBCHC010003  
dated January 29, 2001 and issued by the Department of the Interior - National Business Center  
(DARPA). The Government has certain rights in the invention. --

Respectfully submitted,

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